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In response to the Office Action of 11 September 2002, we make the following remarks

REMARKS

1. The Examiner has rejected claims 1 to 14 in light of Westerman (US Patent 6,323,846).
2. In response, the Applicant submits that the invention disclosed in Westerman bears little resemblance to the claimed invention and is directed towards an entirely different application.
3. The Westerman arrangement is intended to act as a combined keyboard and mouse to enable a user to input data into a computer without having to move from one input device to the other. The Westerman device provides a substantially flat, touch-sensitive surface which is able to detect the position and movement of a user's fingers on that surface and to interpret those movements accordingly.
4. In contrast, the claimed invention is directed at a sensing device which is designed to be attached to a writing implement such as a pen or pencil. The sensing device is adapted to be used in combination with a surface which has coded data disposed on it. When the sensing device is attached to the writing implement and the writing implement is used to write on a coded surface, the sensing device detects the coded data. By interpreting the

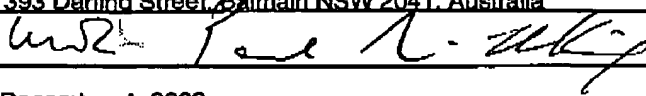
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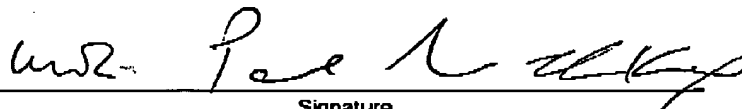
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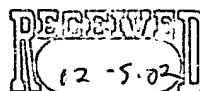
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